By Todd Akin It has been said that when word of a crisis breaks out, the first question that comes to n
In recent weeks, we've heard a great deal about the myriad delays and cost overruns of the F-35 Joint S
Meanwhile, the Department of the Navy's existing fleet of F/A-18s continues to fatigue under an arduou
The Department of Defense has many competing priorities, including but certainly not limited to tactical
Sadly, to date, the Department of Defense has been unable to articulate the shortfall that it faces in Nav
Some change to these estimates should be expected, as changes are made to the Joint Strike Fighter p
In response to this uncertainty, Congress has provided tools to the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the congress of the Department of Defense to create affective and the Congress of the
Unfortunately, DoD has yet to take advantage of these tools and time is running out. Instead, high-ranki
I am mystified by the continued reluctance of senior DoD leadership to honestly address this shortfall th
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The Department of Defense should address America's security interests through a strategy predicated of

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